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NEW CONTRACT MANAGER FOR FOOD PROTECTION & CONSUMER HEALTH

Autumn Schuck has accepted the position of Contract Manager for the Food Protection and Consumer Safety Program, effective February 13. Schuck graduated from Kansas State University in 2000 with a major in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Upon completion of her degree she began working for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). She has held three positions within the Food Protection Program. Schuck began her employment as a Food, Drug and Lodging Surveyor and later was promoted to District Manager overseeing inspectors who regulate food establishments in northeast Kansas. Her new position as Contract Manager is similar to her previous District Manager position, however, she will now provide oversight to county inspectors contracted to complete work for the State. The KDHE Food Protection Program contracts with seven local counties.



Schuck is a nationally certified Food Safety Professional through the National Environmental Health Association. She is also a standardized inspector by the State of Kansas. Through the positions held within the program and previous industry experience, Autumn will bring a wealth of knowledge and technical experience to her position.

NEW DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL STUDIES

The KDHE Office of Health Promotion is pleased to announce Marti Macchi as the new Director of Special Studies. She began her position on January 9. Marti holds a master's degree in exercise physiology from Wichita State University and a bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology and communications from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Her career experience has been primarily working in disease prevention within a clinical setting.



Marti's career began at Via Christi's Prevention and Health Center in Wichita working in obesity treatment. In 2003 she and her family moved to Jackson Hole, WY where she held the position of Director of the Health Institute at St. John's Medical Center. While there, she led a staff of clinicians and health educators in outpatient and inpatient treatment and education for cardiac rehabilitation, diabetes management, weight management, PT, OT, speech therapy as well as implementation of other health promotion programs. She has a strong background in worksite wellness development and implementation. Her new responsibilities will include supervision of the Cardiovascular Health, Diabetes and Arthritis programs within the Office of Health Promotion. Marti can be contacted at 785-291-3743 or MMacchi@kdhe.state.ks.us.

OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In September 2005, Secretary Bremby appointed Sharon L. Goolsby, RN, as the Program Coordinator of the Office of Minority Health (OMH).

She has over 25 years experience in the nursing profession, with emphasis in non-traditional settings and extensive experience working with racial and ethnic populations in all areas of public health. She holds several related training certifications, and is well versed in HIV/AIDS, cultural competency and chronic disease.

In her role as Program Coordinator, she will oversee the development of the office along with an appointed 23 member advisory committee, which has recently completed the first phase of its efforts. The committee has developed the mission of the OMH: "to promote and improve the health status of racial and ethnic populations in Kansas by advocating for and coordinating access to primary and preventive health services that are effective, efficient, and culturally competent."

She has been involved in the area of health disparities since the initial Populations of Color Health Committee was established in the early 1990s and has been a member of the Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network (KMHAN) since its inception in 2000. The KMHAN was an outgrowth of the Governor's Public Health Improvement Plan, which partnered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional Office in KC, MO as a way to include racial and ethnic representation in the process.

She has received awards from the National and State Red Cross and the Kansas African American Advisory Commission for outstanding leadership.

KDHE ANNOUNCES APRIL HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE 'Save the Date' and Create Healthy Kansas Communities



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will deliver opening remarks at the 2006 Health Disparities Conference: Healthy Cultures, Healthy Kansas, sponsored for the second year by KDHE, on April 14. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Maner Conference Center / Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

Dr. David R. Williams, a nationally recognized author and researcher on social influences on health, will return to Kansas as the conference's keynote presenter. Williams, a University of Michigan Professor, is a nationally recognized author and researcher on social influences on health and is interested in the trends and determinants of socioeconomic and racial differences in mental and physical health.

At the conference a Kansan will be recognized for their work as a community champion for efforts to improve the public health of racial and ethnic populations across the state. A *'Taste of Cultures'* Legislative and Constituent Networking Reception will be held on Thursday, April 13 from 5 – 9 p.m. as part of its conference early registration period.

Displays, presentations, networking with friends and colleagues, and making new connections will all be part of the one-day conference. Health professionals and community champions from across Kansas and the Midwest will share best practices through seminars, presentations and displays to learn about new strategies and resources to improve the health of diverse racial and ethnic populations across the state.

Registration and conference materials are available on the Web to organizations and individuals specializing in improving the health of racial and ethnic populations in Kansas.

For more conference information, e-mail: minorityhealth@kdhe.state.ks.us or go to <http://www.minorityhealthks.org>.

2006 GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE
"PUBLIC HEALTH IN KANSAS: TAKING STEPS TOGETHER"
April 11 and 12 and MCH training continues April 12 and 13, 2006
Hyatt Regency, Wichita, Kansas



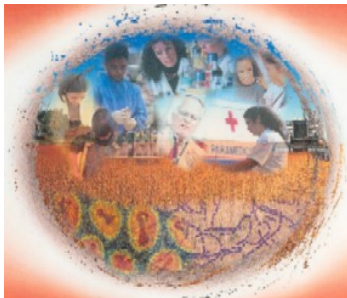
The Kansas Public Health Spring Conference has been designated the 2006 Governor's Public Health Conference. Governor Sebelius, along with KDHE Secretary Bremby and Dr. Rodenberg, are tentatively scheduled to open the conference, which will focus on partnering and taking steps together to make our communities in Kansas healthier places to live and grow. Previous spring conferences (**MCH Conference, KPHA Conference, and the Public Health Nursing Conference**) are combining to decrease participant time away from work, increase the variety of offerings, and create an atmosphere where people link with others to increase professional competency and reach

Healthy People 2010 goals for Kansas.

Registration is now available at the KS Learning Management System, KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>.

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC IN KANSAS

The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) is sponsoring a series of upcoming conferences titled, "Responding to Emerging Infections: Community Preparedness for the Next Pandemic in Kansas." KDHE is a co-sponsor.



Accreditation: The conferences are accredited for continuing education credit as follows: CME-6.75; CNE-8.1; EMS-8.1. All other professions will receive a certificate of attendance that may be submitted for relicensure.

Registration Fee: is \$75. Register on KS-TRAIN at: <http://ks.train.org>.

Dates and Sites:

- March 6: Pittsburg, Holiday Inn Express
- March 9: Topeka, Capitol Plaza Hotel
- March 17: Overland Park Convention Center
- March 27: Hays, VFW Hall
- March 31: Wichita Hyatt Regency
- April 5: Garden City, Plaza Hotel
- April 10: Salina Bicentennial Center

The primary goals of pandemic influenza preparedness and response are to minimize serious illnesses and deaths and also to curtail societal disruption. Each Kansas community should have an unique contingency plan developed through the coordinated efforts of all levels of community stakeholders. Communities must be prepared to respond independently to at least the initial impacts of a disaster, because external resources and support might not be immediately available.

Topics:

- Avian Influenza: The Virus and Its History
- Statewide and Community Preparedness: Roles of Professions
- Methods of Containment and Surveillance
- Business Continuity: The Economic Impact of Diseases
- Hospital Safeguards: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina
- Self-Care During a Pandemic Influenza
- Coping with Sudden Loss and Grief

If you have any questions, please contact: Marta Skalacki, Project Manager, Kansas Anti-Terror Training for Health Professionals, University of Kansas Medical Center, work: 913-588-4543, fax: 913-588-4486

DEBBY SULLIVAN RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE



Bernice "Debby" Sullivan retired January 27 as the Health Director of the Johnson County Public Health Department, ending a nursing career spanning 55 years.

She worked for the health department for 38 years and served at the helm for 28 years. Her jobs ranged from staff nurse to health manager and included leadership roles of staff supervisor and department director in various nursing positions in five states.

When Debby joined Johnson County Public Health as a nurse, she



and the other nurses carried their supplies around in cardboard boxes and coolers. They conducted their immunization and educational clinics in church basements and back rooms. The department had only about a dozen employees helping a few thousand clients each year. The department now has 116 employees serving more than 100,000 clients annually.

She has no regrets about spending more than half of her career and life in Johnson County. "I have always had a passion for public health," she said. "It has been a great career that I have always enjoyed, but it's time to retire."



She credits her staff for their untiring effort to make a better life for all and to provide a vital public service to the sick and underprivileged in Johnson County.

At her retirement party on January 27, over 200 colleagues, staff, friends, family and local and state officials joined in wishing Debby a happy retirement. Debby's grandson and great-granddaughter, who flew in from California that morning, were surprise guests. Chairman of the Johnson County Board of County



Commissioners, Annabeth Surbaugh presented Debby with the dedication of "The Debby Sullivan Conference Room" at the department's Olathe site.



KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The third class of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) recently held its second training session, marking the halfway point in the training cycle. At the session, held on January 26-27, keynote speaker Dr. Louis Rowitz discussed the systems thinking topics that can influence public health organizations. He also introduced crisis leadership topics and defined a framework for collaboration in public health leadership that includes federal and state-level organizations.

Keynote speaker Jeff Wilson elaborated upon collaborative leadership for public health through a variety of interactive, practice-based examples. Scholars completed modules dealing with trust-building, sharing power, and assessing the environment and carried out group analysis of a current public health problem in Kansas. They also received the Turning Point National Program Office's complete "train the trainer" program on collaborative leadership for use in their own agencies.

For more information about Turning Point and related materials, visit <http://turningpointprogram.org>. For more information about the KPHLI or the WALD Center, visit <http://www.waldcenter.org>.

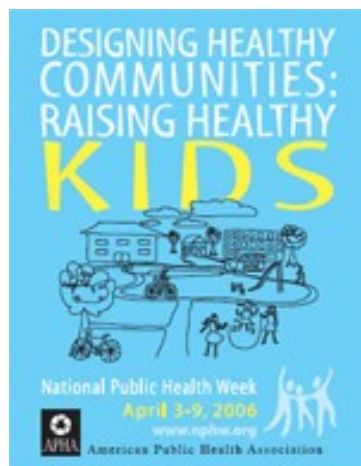


Speaker Jeff Wilson leads KPHLI scholars in a power-sharing collaborative leadership activity at the recent session.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

March 31 marks the start of National Public Health Week in Kansas. The **Health Day at the Capital has been scheduled for Friday, March 31.**

Plans are underway for an all day event. A Health Information and Health Screenings Fair will be held from 8:30 to noon in the 2nd floor rotunda of the statehouse. A portrayal of Dr. Crumbine will be held at 10 a.m. in the rotunda. Health advocacy training will be presented from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a rally and walk for Health on the Hill at 4:00 p.m. and a Legislative Reception: A Health Meet, Greet, & Eat is open to all from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., also on the 2nd floor. We want everyone with interests in public health and health policies to consider participating that day. If you are interested in participating in any way, email



Sonja Armbruster at the Sedgwick County Health Department: sarmbrus@sedgwick.gov or you can also contact other organizers: Elaine Schwartz, Kim Richter, Allison Alejos, Alice Weingartner, and Ed Kalas. Policy development is one of our core functions, and your participation is encouraged!



KAN BE HEALTHY SCREENING PROVIDERS



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Office of the Fiscal Agent – EDS*

Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) acknowledges physicians, Physician Assistants, and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners as KAN Be Healthy (KBH) screening providers. KBH screening services must be billed by one of the actively enrolled KMAP providers listed below.

- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Attendant Care for Independent Living
- Community Mental Health Center
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Head Start Facility
- Home Health Agency
- Indian Health Center
- Local Education Agency
- Local Health Department
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Rural Health Clinic

Licensed registered nurses who have been trained to complete KBH screenings are also recognized as KBH screening providers. However, they cannot independently enroll for reimbursement as KMAP providers (KMAP General Benefits Provider Manual, Section 2020. <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/>). KBH screens completed by a trained, registered nurses must also be billed by one of the KMAP providers listed above.

The KBH Registered Nurse Training Program is provided by Washburn University and is administrated by the Department of Policy Health and Finance (DPHF). It is a service that standardizes the educational preparation for nurses who provide KBH services for Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries. Joanne A. Ramberg, RN, PhD, FAACS, is the training program coordinator.



To learn more or to register for the training program, please visit the following Web site:

http://www.washburn.edu/ce/health_care/kbh/index.html, or contact Ms. Ramberg at: 785-670-1399 or jo.ramberg@washburn.edu. KMAP KAN Be Healthy policies and procedures are found by visiting the following Web site <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/>, or by contacting the KMAP fiscal agent (EDS) KBH Coordinator at 785-274-5978.



COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Early detection can save your life.



Once shunned as an invariably fatal, unmentionable disease, colorectal cancer has emerged as a highly treatable, preventable and curable form of cancer.

Ignorance of the facts necessary to prevent or detect the disease, paired with fear and embarrassment, has led colorectal cancer to become the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Approximately

145,000 new cases were diagnosed in the U.S. in 2005 and the American Cancer Society estimates that 56,290 people died from this disease in 2005. From 1997-2001, 7,466 Kansans were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 2,790 died. The number of cases diagnosed, however, is declining along with death rates.

About 75 percent of all new cases of colorectal cancer occur in individuals with no known risk factors except being over age 50. Regular screening is vital to saving lives and should begin by age 50, before any symptoms develop.

Through screening tests, polyps or small growths on the lining of the rectum and colon can be detected and removed before cancer develops. Regular screening also permits cancer to be diagnosed at its earliest, most treatable stages. When diagnosed and treated in the localized stage, colorectal cancer has over a 90 percent five-year survival rate.

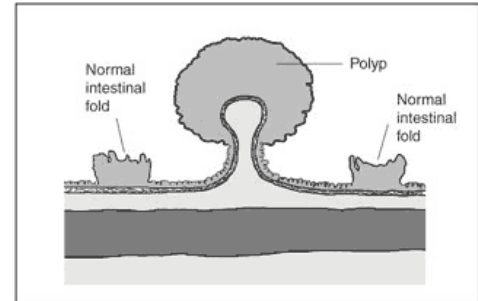
Once thought to be a disease of white males, men and women are equally at risk for colorectal cancer, and African Americans may be at increased risk of dying from the disease. Individuals with a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal polyps, colorectal cancer or other cancer should discuss their risk and obtain screening recommendations from their physician. Because of increased risk, African Americans may need to begin screening earlier than age 50.

A sedentary life style and obesity also are associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer, as are tobacco use, advancing age and a high fat, low fiber diet.

To detect colorectal cancer while it is still treatable or curable, the American Cancer Society recommends that people have an occult blood test yearly, a flexible sigmoidoscopy or double contrast barium enema every five years, or a colonoscopy every 10 years. The colonoscopy, which is performed under sedation, offers the advantage of allowing for the removal of polyps at the time of the procedure.

Studies have shown that 80 percent of colorectal cancers arise from adenomatous polyps. The prevalence of these polyps increases with age, from 20 to 25 percent at age 50 to 50 percent by age 75-80.

Early detection and treatment of pre-cancerous polyps can reduce death rates from colorectal cancer significantly, while attention to life style risks may help protect against this cancer. March is the designated month to bring these facts to the public.



ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK

Heart of America Chapter - NE Kansas Region



Saturday, June 24, Hummer Sports Park, Topeka, KS
1 or 3-Mile Walk and 5k Run

"Walk With Us Until Alzheimer's is Just a Memory" and join us in reaching our goal of \$70,000!

5k Run begins at 7:30 a.m. 1 or 3 mile walks begin at 8:45 a.m.

Online registration and more details about the event are available at www.nekansasmw.kintera.org

Call 785-234-2523 for more information or to receive a registration brochure.

Saturday, October 7, Corporate Woods, Overland Park, KS
1 or 3-Mile Walk begins at 9 a.m.

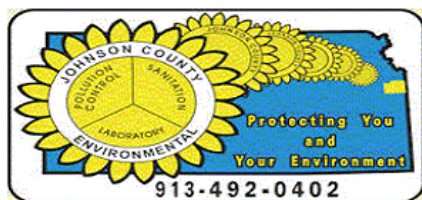
"Walk With Us Until Alzheimer's is Just a Memory" and join us in reaching our goal of \$175,000!

Online registration and more details about the event are available at www.kansascitymw.kintera.org

Call 913-831-3888 for more information or to receive a registration brochure.

HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS CAN BE A PROBLEM AT C&D LANDFILLS

*by Bill Bider and Marty Burke
Bureau of Waste Management*



In June 2005, the Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED) began receiving odor complaints from an area around 162nd Street and Metcalf Ave. in the southeast part of the county. JCED staff knew the APAC-Reno construction and demolition (C&D) landfill in the area had a history of odors due to retention ponds "turning over" when temperature changes caused oxygen-depleted water from the pond bottoms to rise to the surface. Also, since the complaints described a "rotten egg" type smell characteristic of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas

that is sometimes produced in sewer systems, the Johnson County Wastewater Department checked their facilities as well.

The county quickly confirmed that the odors were coming from liquid flowing out of the waste at the APAC-Reno C&D landfill. APAC-Reno is the largest C&D landfill in the state and the seventh largest landfill overall. It accepts wood, bricks, roofing material, concrete, floor coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, electrical wiring and construction related packaging from Kansas and Missouri. Although all landfills have the

potential to generate gas when waste decomposes, significant H₂S or methane generation in C&D landfills has never been identified as a problem in Kansas and only recently been documented throughout the United States.

The best-known case of an H₂S problem at a C&D landfill involved a very large landfill near Warren, Ohio that had received rail shipments of pulverized C&D waste from several states. High levels of H₂S and other gases released from the site prompted state and federal agencies to become involved. Local residents requested a study by the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in 2002. Their preliminary report, released in August 2005, indicated an increase in health symptoms during periods of elevated H₂S levels.

The problem at APAC-Reno appeared to be related to the same waste management method as occurred in Ohio. The APAC-Reno landfill had been adding ground sheetrock as an amendment in their yard waste composting operation. Excess ground sheetrock was disposed of in the landfill. Grinding the material increased the reactive surface for decomposition and accelerated H₂S gas production. Why did this occur? Sheetrock (drywall) contains gypsum, which is calcium sulfate (CaSO₄). When gypsum becomes wet and organic material (such as the paper on the outside of the sheetrock wallboard) is present, microorganisms decompose it. When this occurs in the absence of oxygen, this microbial decomposition creates H₂S gas.

Johnson County has worked very closely with the Bureau of Waste Management over the past several months to develop appropriate corrective measures and air monitoring requirements for the landfill owner. In addition, the public has been kept informed about the situation through public meetings and other notices. ATSDR officials have also been contacted and they are assisting in determining potential health impacts to people living in the vicinity.

Since water infiltration into the landfill appeared to be a contributing factor to this gas problem, the owner was required to perform corrective actions to prevent local runoff and precipitation from entering the waste area. Process water from the air pollution control system of an onsite asphalt plant was also redirected. KDHE has also directed APAC-Reno to implement a plan to remove and treat contact water and extract H₂S and methane from the interior of the landfill. A gas monitoring system has been set up with an alarm system to notify the parties if H₂S gas levels rise to levels of concern. Very little gas emissions have been detected during the winter of 2005-06, but corrective actions will be further evaluated when higher rainfall and ambient temperatures return in the spring.

H₂S gas measurements taken last summer at the APAC-Reno showed peak levels of up to 3 ppm at the landfill property boundary. Ground level samples taken directly at the landfill seeps showed concentrations above 100 ppm, which is considered immediately dangerous to human life and health. With improved drainage, water treatment and air sampling methods in place, short-duration H₂S detections in the 40 ppb range are seen rarely with most samples below the lower detection limit of 10 ppb.

Current estimates indicate it will take at least two years to remove contact water from inside the APAC-Reno Landfill. Monitoring and corrective actions may be necessary for several more years as long as there is a potential for H₂S gas release. To date, no significant H₂S gas problems have been observed at any of the other 111 active C&D landfills in Kansas; however, KDHE now recognizes that serious human health and nuisance prob-



lems can result from certain waste and water management practices. KDHE will provide awareness training to landfill owners and operators to help minimize the potential for H₂S gas generation and carry out some state-wide assessment to determine if this problem exists at any other locations.

KANSAS INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITIES



Vital Statistics Data for 2004 and birth and death statistics by Kansas Legislative Districts are among the latest additions to the Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) Website, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Health Information Portal. The KIC Web-site is located at <http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/kic/>.

KIC now enables tabulations for births, pregnancy outcomes, deaths, hospital discharges, and state population through 2004. Cancer data is now current through 2002. Because of the amount of validation needed, cancer data

takes several years to finalize.

Reports on birth and death data by legislative districts have been in the works for years and is a result of collaboration with the KDHE GIS unit. The GIS unit, geocoded the 2003 birth and death events enabling each to be mapped to individual house and senate districts. These first limited statistics were compiled for a set of legislative report cards provided to lawmakers in January 2006. Summary information is located at <http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/kic/legis/index.html>. Additional statistics will be reported as the new reports evolve. Work is underway on geocoding 2004 births and deaths.

KDHE implemented the KIC system as a way to provide users 24/7 access to public health statistics. These data can provide a significant amount of information in community health assessment.

Persons with questions about KIC can e-mail, Kansas.Health.Statistics@kdhe.state.ks.us.

PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Come take a look at the newly designed Learning Resource Center! We're at the same address, <http://bookstore.phf.org>, but have a whole new look. Now you can keep track of your orders with a personalized account, tell a colleague about a book or video they might be interested in, sign up to receive notices of new products, and write reviews of materials you bought.



Notable materials include:

Hand Hygiene poster and button package. Now available in Spanish!

Item No. HH-003 \$46 for 20 buttons and 5 posters

http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?products_id=409

Infectious and Tropical Diseases: A Handbook for Primary Care

Item No. [ELS-005] \$54.95

http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?products_id=470

Spanish for the Healthcare Worker--Beginning

Item No. SPA-030220 \$35

http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?products_id=360

Spanish for the Healthcare Worker--Intermediate

Item No. SHWI-001 \$35

http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?products_id=359



REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd, Hutchinson, from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Mar. 22 May 24 July 26 Sept. 27 Nov. 21

North Central Region: Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for location of each meeting. Dates are:

Apr. 25 June 27 Aug. 22 Oct. 24 Dec. 19

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Mar. 9 June 8 Sept. 14 Dec. 14

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. RSVP Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for lunch count at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Apr. 13 June 8 Aug. 10 Oct. 12 Dec. 7

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 11 Aug. 3 Nov. 9

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9th, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Mar. 17 May 19 July 14 Sept. 15 Nov. 17

BILLING WORKSHOPS

NE Billing Group, meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:

May 11 Aug. 3 Nov. 2

Billing Biddies, meets from 9 a.m. – noon. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

Mar. 1 June 7 Sept. 6 Dec. 6

Billers Anonymous meets from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

May 10 Aug. 9 Nov. 8

Mission Impossible Group meets from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

May 25 Aug. 24 Nov. 21

KUG, from 9 a.m. – noon. For more information contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191 mmiller@satantahospital.org.

Billers-R-Us meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.

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KS-TRAIN TIPS

KS-Train TIP: Withdraw from a Live or Online course:

- On the KS-TRAIN homepage
- Click "My Learning" in the [blue](#) file folder on the right hand side of the screen
- Click the "M" to the right of the course you plan to withdraw from
- Then click "Withdraw."



KS-Train TIP: Change your password and update your KS-TRAIN account:

- Click "My Account" in the "My Learning Record" [blue](#) file folder on the right hand side of the home page
- Update information as indicated
- Click the "Save" button
- To change your Login name the KS-TRAIN Administrator will need to be contacted at dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us

KS-TRAIN TIP: IS 700, NIMS; ICS 100, or IS 800. FEMA trainings, have direct links from the Announcement section of the KS-TRAIN homepage.

- Take the online course/test from KS-TRAIN to FEMA and have the training posted in your learning record, OR
- Add the training to your learning record if you took the online course directly through the FEMA website, OR
- Add the training to your learning record if you took the training at a live event that wasn't originally posted on KS-TRAIN

KS-TRAIN homepage, "Announcements"—

1. Click the "read more link" after the IS 700 NIMS, ICS 100 or IS 800 title

Announcements

IS 700 - NIMS

[Click "read more link" to find the on-line/web-based course for registration.](#)

2. Click the "Registration" Tab--

National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction IS-700

Course Details Contacts **Registration** Reviews

3. Choose credit type--

Click Go to Step 2 of Registration--

Course Details

National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction IS-700

Course Details Contacts Registration Reviews

Your chosen credit type: CE/UC: 0.3

If you want to change credit type, please click << here >>

This course has been added to "My Learning".

To proceed to the course provider's website please click here:

[Go to Step 2 of Registration](#)

Continue on to the FEMA site to take the training &/or test if you have not already done so, OR

Go to the Homepage,

Click "My Learning" in the [blue](#) file folder on the homepage,

Click "M" to the right of the course title,

Follow the prompts to document the course is completed.

KS-TRAIN TIP: NEW Posting @ <http://ks.train.org>

[Pandemic Influenza](#), was taped at the Shawnee County Health Agency Townhall Meeting. Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Director of Health, and Dr Gail Hansen, State Epidemiologist, Kansas Department of Health and Environ-

ment provided essential information and discussion on: Influenza Signs and Symptoms: Is it a Cold or Influenza; the Who, Where and When of Influenza; Vaccine Supply; Who Needs Vaccination and Treatment; Pandemic Influenza, and Prevention and Response Actions for Kansas. Dr. Larry Rumans, Health Officer for the Shawnee County Health Agency, and Alice Weingartner, Coordinator for the Northeast Corner Regional Initiative, gave the local perspective and response in the event of a pandemic influenza event.

[Sedgwick County MMRS: Mass Pharmaceutical Dispensing Medication Preparation Video](#)

The *Mass Pharmaceutical Distribution Medication Preparation Instructional Video* was created by Sedgwick County MMRS as a way to train volunteers and just-in-time workers. It details the step-by-step medication preparation process for preparing Doxycycline. This video (VHS and DVD format) is also available for purchase along with the *Mass Pharmaceutical Distribution/Dispensing Instruction and Operations Guide*.

Live Events Posted on KS-TRAIN: (Not all courses/dates/sessions that are posted on KS-TRAIN are listed below, you must be registered on TRAIN before you click on one of the links)

[HIV Prevention and Behavior Change Counseling Strategies](#), April 4-6, Garden City

[Home Visitation Training](#), May and June, Topeka

[JVS: Cultural Competency for a Changing World](#), April 12-13, Emporia

[KDEM Trng: Terrorism Exercise Design & Evaluation](#), April 11-13, Colby

[KDHE: 2006 Health Disparities Conference](#), April 13-14, Topeka

[KU: Ready, Willing and Able](#), March, Lawrence

[Medical Management of the Contaminated Pt](#), March - June, multiple sites in Kansas

[Medical Preparedness and Disaster Planning for Water Terrorism](#), April 7, Wichita

[Responding to Emerging Infections](#), March and April, 7 multiple sites in Kansas

[Risk Communication Seminar](#), April 19, Pittsburg

[SEKHS Hospital Emergency Incident Command System \(HEICS\)](#), March 31 - Coffeyville, April 1 - Emporia

[WMD Preparation and Response to Agricultural Terrorism](#), April 11, Chanute

RENO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Opening for Public Health Nurse I or II (Full-Time / 40 Hours)

Position duties: Provide skilled nursing services to clients of all ages in clinic and home settings. Good communication skills with clients and physicians important. Ability to provide health information to client and caregiver is needed. Being current in use of nursing skills such as starting IVs, injections, and blood draws desirable. Occasional after hour services may be needed depending on a clients needs. This paid, on-call duty is rotated between the staff on a weekly basis. Public Health II positions dependent upon having active nursing assessment certification. A valid Kansas driver's license and current Kansas Registered Nurse License required. Ability to communicate in Spanish desirable. BSN or Prior public health clinical experience is helpful but not required.

Reno County offers an exceptional benefit package that includes paid medical/dental insurance for the FT employee. Also offered are optional Vision and other supplemental insurance Retirement packages. This is a KPERS position. EOE/AEE Pre-employment drug testing, background checks, and job skills testing may apply. Position opened until filled

Starting wages: Depending on qualifications. TO APPLY: Go to www.Hrepartners.com

NEWS BRIEFS

Isolation and Quarantine: Issues to Consider is a guidance document that provides a checklist to help public health jurisdictions identify the essential aspects of a plan for isolation and quarantine implementation. The checklist outlines important areas to consider when creating a plan, such as:

- legal issues;
- implementation of the plan;
- ongoing surveillance;
- social support; and,
- risk communication.

This document was created by the NACCHO Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness Committee:
<http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/Issues%20to%20Consider%20Isolation%20Quarantine.pdf>

Make a Plan - After a major disaster, it is unlikely that emergency response services will be able to immediately respond to everyone's needs so it's important to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family. Plan to be on your own for at least the first 72 hours. http://www.72hours.org/make_plan.html

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**Universal Health Symbols Provide Direction for Many in Hospitals** - New symbols remove language barriers, provide better access to care.

An organization devoted to helping health care facilities overcome language barriers has developed 28 universally-recognized graphic health care symbols depicting important hospital destinations from registration and surgery to billing and infectious diseases. [RWJ Foundation, 12-14-05] To view entire article, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/newsroom/newsreleasesdetail.jsp?id=10387>

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Searchable Data Base of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercises - A new Website was recently launched by the RAND Corporation to support state and local public health emergency preparedness activities. The core of this Web-site is a searchable database of public health emergency preparedness exercises that have been evaluated by a team of RAND researchers and is available to public health professionals in search of exercises that may serve their purposes in working toward preparedness in their own state, regional or local area.

In addition to the database, we also provide links to other web resources including the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology.

The Web-site is: <http://www.rand.org/health/projects/php/index.html>

Point of Contact is: Lisa R. Shugarman, Ph.D., Health Policy Researcher, RAND, 310-393-0411 ext. 7701, Lisa_Shugarman@rand.org

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**Interactive Map of Disability & Emergency Preparedness Resources.** This unique tool provides an accessible, interactive clearinghouse directory of regional, state, and local disability-related emergency management resources.

The map contains information on regional branches of FEMA and ADA&IT Technical Assistance Centers, Governor's Web-sites and state disability resource agencies, a directory of ILCs and SILCs by state, state Citizen Corps and American Red Cross Chapters, as well as links to State and local Emergency Management Agencies. Resources are currently accessible by state, but will soon be posted regionally as well. Look for a federal sector list soon too!

The map will continue to be a work-in-progress and as new resources are developed and discovered, they will become housed here as well. To that end, if you have information you feel would be beneficial to include in this tool, please contact us at [epi@nod.org](mailto:epi@nod.org) and we will provide your information here as well! [http://www.nod.org/EPIResources/interactive\\_map.html](http://www.nod.org/EPIResources/interactive_map.html)

For additional program information and publications currently available for emergency managers and persons with disabilities, please visit [www.nod.org/emergency](http://www.nod.org/emergency)

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Robert Woods Johnson Interactive Site can be useful for many health related presentations. It includes Kansas data. Use these visual graphic tools to explore and understand research findings, to view photographic essays or to explore the real-world impact of health and health care policy approaches and initiatives. <http://www.rwjf.org/newsroom/interactiveslist.jsp>



TRAININGS

Cultural Competency Training



Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

SW Kansas – Garden City

Apr. 5 – 6 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Area SRS Building
1710 Palace Drive
Garden City, KS

Central Kansas - Emporia

Apr. 12 – 13 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Newman Regional Health
Continuing Education, Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitor's Entrance
1201 West 12th
Emporia, KS

SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 – 11 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine -
Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room 2202
Wichita, KS

NE Kansas – Holton

May 24 – 25 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Head Start Building – Annie Laurie Johnson
Child & Family Development Center
130 S. Iowa
Holton, KS
(Parking at First Baptist Church, 404 Juniper
Street)

NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 –14 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Board Room
Salina, KS

For more information or to register please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.

Medical Interpreter Training



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

SC Kansas - Wichita

Mar. 13-17 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine -
Wichita
1010 N. Kansas
Meadowlark Room 1305
Wichita, KS

NE Kansas – Kansas City

Mar. 20-24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University of Kansas Medical Center
Kansas City, KS

NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 – 9 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Riley County Health Department
2030 Tecumseh Road
Manhattan, KS

SC Kansas – Wichita

June 26-30 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Site location to be announced

For more information on Medical Interpreter Training or to register, contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108, or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>



Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>



KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-625-5663 for assistance.

March Satellite Downlinks and Webcasts

You can register for most of these programs and view them from your desktop if your security system allows you to view Webcasts. KDHE employees or others unable to view Webcasts can contact Linda Frazier 785-296-3641, e-mail: lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us to set up a viewing site in Topeka or any district office. Other available sites are available throughout the state and you can contact Linda for a list of those sites.

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CDC 03/02/06 11:00 am- 2:30 PM CT	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases 2006 Part 4 of 4 View course overview .
03/02/06 2:00 - 4:00 PM CT	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphn .
03/07/06 12:00noon – 1:00 PM CT	Cincinnati STD/HIV Prevention Training Center and the Indiana University Leadership Education in Adolescent Medicine presents: HPV Vaccination: Rational to Implementation Additional information and registration information will available after February 1, 2006 at: www.stdptc.uc.edu This program will also be webcast.
03/07/06 2:00 - 4:00 PM CT	Diabetes Update: Proactive Steps for Healthy Foot Care For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphn .
CDC 03/09/06 12:00 noon- 2:00 PM CT	Preparing for Radiological Population Monitoring and Decontamination View Save the Date information.
03/09/06 9:00 - 10:00 AM CT & 3:00 - 4:00 PM CT	University at Albany, School of Public Health presents: Making Sense of the National Incident Management System Click here to link to University at Albany, School of Public Health website or call 518-486-7921. View flyer

03/15/06 2:00 - 4:00 PM CT	Providing Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Care Services For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
03/22/06 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT	The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute Presents: "Live Response" A Live & Interactive WMD Program Save the Date. More Information to Follow; Contact Ed Kronholm TF: 877-820-0305 or email: dltnets@aol.com . For Current Schedule See: GETN Interagency Calendar http://www.dlnets.com/itv.htm#current .
CDC 03/31/06 1:00 - 2:00 PM CT	Public Health Grand Rounds presents: Learning from Katrina: Tough Lessons in Preparedness and Emergency Response View course overview .

Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media. Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept 2005 <http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/>

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore: <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

Risk Communication Courses:

<http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html> or in Spanish

<http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: online RN to BSN:
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program- <http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:
zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine – <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training – <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:
http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: <http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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